

EXHIBIT A

At the request of Cora M. Staley the following
Mortgage is received for record and recorded,
Sept. 18, 1946 at 3:20 o'clock P.M.

Test: Ellis C. Wachter, Clerk.

THIS MORTGAGE, Made this 7th day of September, in the year
1946, by Janes N. Drayton and Olivia A. Drayton, his wife, res-
idents of Frederick County, Maryland.

WITNESSETH: Whereas said James N. Drayton and Olivia A.
Drayton, his wife, stand indebted unto Cora M. Staley, or order
of Frederick County, Maryland, in the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED DOL-
LARS (\$700.00), upon their promissory note of even date herewith,
and payable to said Cora M. Staley, or order, twelve months after
date, with interest from date at the rate of five per centum, per
annum, ^{with a quarterly} payable ~~quarterly~~/payment of thirty dollars on the prin-
cipal, said money being part payment of the purchase money loaned
by said Mortgagee to said Mortgagors for the purchase of the
property hereby mortgaged, and for the better to secure the pay-
ment of said promissory note, as well as any renewals thereof,
and all interest thereon, when the same shall become due and pay-
able, according to the tenor thereof, we, the said James N. Dray-
ton and Olivia A. Drayton, his wife, have agreed to execute these
presents.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises and the
sum of five dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,
we, the said James N. Drayton and Olivia A. Drayton, his wife,
do hereby grant and convey unto Cora M. Staley, all that land
and premises situate, lying and being in Urbana Election Dis-
trict, Frederick County, State of Maryland, containing 12 acres
of land, more or less, together with the buildings and improve-
ments thereon, and the rights and ways thereunto belonging. And
being the same real estate as described and conveyed by Maggie
Howard Sheffy and Watson Sheffy, her husband, by deed of even
date herewith and intended to be recorded among the Land Records
of Frederick County prior to the recording of this mortgage,